

Based upon the following justification, the proposed procurement action described below is being utilized pursuant to the authority of Section 11-35-1530 (1) of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

An IFB, BVB, nor FPB, neither of these procurement tools is in the State's best interest at this time of the procurement process. The above tools do not provide the level of procurement services need at this procurement phase at this time. These procurement tools are not designed to effectively handle the size and scope of this procurement. These procurement tools are not designed for this scope and they would be totally inappropriate for this solicitation.

This solicitation (06-S7012) is stating a problem/situation in which the State soliciting responses from the business community for SCT Banner Services.

- 1. There are no part numbers or a one-for-one type of item to request as in a solicitation.**
- 2. The State is presenting a "problem" which is requires a "solution" from Offerors that require a service to integrate SCT Banner. There are no specific part numbers or model numbers to use which would create a level-playing field for all Offers.**
- 3. An RFP is best procurement tool for this solicitation. The RFP is declaring the State's problem(s) and the RFP is requesting the business community to provide their solution. This solicitation is not an environment for part numbers or some model number from a catalog, therefore, the bid process is not the best procurement tool to use in this situation. The RFP will provide the best procurement tool for the evaluators to select the best solution for the State.**

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